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SUBJECT: CZECH REPUBLIC'S MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

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¶1. Post has identified the five most influential women in the Czech Republic, per reftel, as well as additional women who are noteworthy for their various accomplishments. Political officer Sarah Peck is the POC for women's issues at post (420-257-022-312, pecksc@state.gov).

Five Most Influential Czech Women

¶2. The five most influential women in the Czech Republic:

Petra Prochazkova: journalist, humanitarian worker (in Chechnya), supporter of civil rights.

Olga Girstlova: internationally recognized business women, owner of a telecommunications company.

Renata Vesecka: Supreme prosecutor, government, lawyer.

Vlasta Parkanova: named on January 9 as the new Minsiter of Defense; recognized as the Czech Republic's most popular politician.

Teresa Maxova: super model, founder of a respected charitable organization that helps children.

Other Famous, Respected Czech Women

¶3. Four additional women who are well-known and respected:

Katerina Neumannova: Olympic medalist, skier, beloved by nearly all Czechs.

Helena Trestikova: named on January 9 as the new Minsiter of Culture; also a respected maker of documentaries and films. She is an up and coming Czech woman.

Helena Illnerova: respected scientist, former head of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Livie Klausova: First Lady, head of a significant charitable foundation.

Respected Women in Media

¶4. Four women who are noteworthy for their contributions in journalism, filmmaking, and television:

Nova Friedrichova: Czech TV journalist.

Jana Ciglerova: journalist and editor for a leading Czech daily newspaper; focuses on gender issues.

Olga Sommerova: respected maker of documentaries and films.

Halina Pawlovska: talk show celebrity and writer. Similar to (but not as beloved as) Oprah Winfrey.

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